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# Herodotus Quote

Herodotus was a Greek who created the study of history. He thought people needed to reflect and “inquire” about their history in order to truly understand it. He is famous for writing about the Persian Wars, which helped the Greeks form a sense of who they were as Greeks.

“When the Persian military officer Tigranes heard that the prize was not money but a crown [of olive], he could not hold his peace, but cried, 'Good heavens, Mardonius, what kind of men are these that you have pitted us against? It is not for money they contend but for glory of achievement!'"

--Herodotus, Histories , 8.26.3

**What shocks Tigranes? What is he hearing about?**

**What does this tell us about the ancient Greeks?**

**In what ways is this a reflection of the Greeks' understanding of “agon”?**